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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising in combination: a horizontal platform having a peripheral edge, the platform mounted on plural wheels, for rolling movement on a supporting surface; a sidewall integral with, and extending upwardly from an upfacing a surface of the platform, the sidewall positioned centrally on the platform surface away from the peripheral edge thereof; and a vertical jacking device having a jack foot positioned in contact with the supporting platform surface, interior of the sidewall surrounding the jack foot, the sidewall having a height superior to a height of the jack foot so that the jack foot is restrained within centrally constrained on the platform surface by the surrounding sidewall.
2. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a trailer rigidly engaged medially with the vertical jack whereby the vertical jack supports a load on the trailer.
3. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein ~~the platform is rectangular, the plural wheels comprising arc four caster wheels, one of the caster wheels positioned adjacent to each one of four corners the peripheral edge of the rectangular platform~~ the sidewall positioned centrally to the wheels.
4. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the sidewall is positioned relative to the ~~caster wheels~~ such that a downward force on the vertical jacking device is transferred to the platform interiorly centrally relative to upward support forces on the platform exerted by the ~~caster wheels~~.
5. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising: a horizontal platform mounted on plural wheels, for rolling movement ~~on a supporting surface; a closed figure sidewall integral with, and extending upwardly from an upfacing~~ positioned centrally on a

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surface of the platform; a vertical jacking device having a jack foot positioned in contact with the ~~supporting platform surface interior of with~~ the sidewall ~~surrounding the jack foot~~, the sidewall ~~having a height enabling lateral restraint of the restraining the jack foot motion centrally on the platform~~, wherein the sidewall is positioned relative to the ~~caster wheels~~ such that a downward ~~force forces~~ on the vertical jacking device ~~are central to upward forces of the wheels is transferred to the platform interior to upward support forces on the platform exerted by the caster wheels~~.

6. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising in combination: a horizontal platform mounted on plural wheels, for rolling movement ~~on a supporting surface of the platform~~; a sidewall integral with, and extending upwardly from ~~an upfacing a surface of the platform and positioned centrally thereon~~; and a vertical jacking device having a jack foot positioned in contact with the ~~supporting platform surface and surrounded by the sidewall interior of the sidewall~~, the sidewall having a height superior to a height of the jack foot so that the jack foot is restrained ~~centrally on the platform within by the sidewall~~; and a trailer rigidly engaged with the vertical jack ~~at a medial position thereon for delivering a downward force centrally to the platform~~.
7. (original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the trailer provides a trailer hitch proximal the vertical jack.
8. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the ~~platform is rectangular, the plural wheels comprising four arc~~ caster wheels, one of the caster wheels positioned on each one of four corners of the rectangular platform.
9. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the sidewall is positioned relative to the ~~caster wheels~~ such that a downward force on the vertical jacking device is transferred to the platform ~~interior to upward support forces on the platform exerted peripherally by centrally to the caster wheels~~.
10. (currently amended) A method of providing rolling support and manual mobility to a trailer, the trailer initially connected to a towing vehicle by a hitch, the method comprising the steps of: positioning the trailer using the towing vehicle; raising a jack foot of a vertical jacking device attached to the trailer ~~proximal the hitch~~; positioning

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a platform below the jack foot; lowering the jack foot into contact ~~centrally on~~ with
the platform such that a sidewall integral with the platform surrounds the jack foot
~~within a sidewall positioned to restrain the jack foot within the sidewall;~~ thereby
transferring weight of the trailer from the hitch to the platform; disengaging the trailer
from the towing vehicle at the hitch; ~~displacing the towing vehicle;~~ and positioning
the trailer manually by moving the jacking device and trailer on wheels supporting
the platform.